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Artist David Waltz Demonstrates Clay Sculpting Techniques at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

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BEREA, Ky. – Ceramic sculptor and potter David Waltz, of Columbia, will demonstrate his clay sculpting techniques on Saturday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Waltz creates three-dimensional clay sculptures, which are fired, and then pit-fired to create a weathered look. The clay is formed around a cardboard armature, sculpted in sections and then joined together using traditional pottery and sculpting tools. Waltz finds that his ideas come from many sources, often from daily experiences, photos, or travel to other countries.

Waltz also creates wheel-thrown functional pottery made from stoneware clay that is formed either on a potter's wheel or by hand. These pieces feature glazes that are non toxic and lead free.

As a child, Waltz always enjoyed building and creating, and the messier the materials, the more he loved it. He decided he was going to be an artist in high school and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Kentucky University and his Master of Arts degree from Marshall University.

After 32 years of teaching middle school art in Maryland, he retired to Kentucky, where he purchased a 67-acre farm in Adair County.

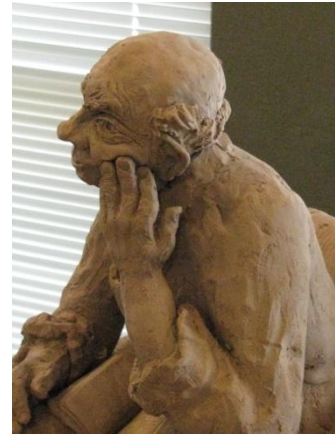
"I knew this farm was right for me the moment I saw it," said Waltz, "I built my workshop and gallery here, about 8 miles west of Columbia, on a former Amish farm. It is wonderful to create art daily, or to cut wood, go fishing, go mountain biking or work in my garden."

Waltz is a member of the Kentucky Arts Council's Craft Marketing Program and the Kentucky Guild of Artists and Craftsmen.

Works by David Waltz are regularly available at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea, located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea Exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit, "The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea: Celebrating 10 Years," is on display through Aug. 24. For information about the center's events call 859-985-5448, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kentucky.artisan.center, or go to the center's website at www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



Photos left to right: Figure and teapot by David Waltz; David Waltz demonstrates his sculpting techniques; a seated figure sculpted from clay by David Waltz at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea